

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the resolution expressing the sense of the House regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001.

As the district I represent sits across from downtown Manhattan, my constituents and I are faced with a constant visual reminder of that day's tragic events.

As time passes, we must continue to commemorate this sad day. We will remember the innocent lives that were lost, and the heroes that emerged from this disaster, and we will remember how this day forever changed all our lives. As new generations grow older, we must pass on the lessons of this day and its significance for our country.

For 8 years, we have mourned the lives lost, and we have worked at home and abroad to protect our great nation, its people and the ideals it represents.

I am pleased to join my colleagues in remembering this significant day and recognizing how it continues to affect all our lives. I thank my colleagues for introducing this legislation. I yield back the balance of my time.